

Results of The Annual Town Meeting

Results of the June 08, 2004 Municipal Election and Open Town Meeting Held on June 19, 2004

Record of the Municipal Election of the Town of Appleton, held June 8, 2004 at the Appleton Town Hall. Voting by secret ballot on Articles numbered one and two. The polls were open from 10:00 am to 8:00pm.

ARTICLE 1. Voted and chosen by secret ballot, Susan Sherman as moderator. Susan was sworn in as moderator. Eileen O'Neil and Walter Whitcomb were appointed to be deputy moderators. Eileen was sworn in as Deputy Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. There were 268 votes cast, out of 830 registered voters. The results of the Municipal Election are as follows:

SELECTMEN (for three years)
SHEJEN, DANIEL R. 110
VAUGHAN, WARREN TAYLOR 140

**WARREN TAYLOR VAUGHAN WAS SWORN IN AS
SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS.**

ROAD COMMISSIONER (for one year)
GOULD, DAVID J. 176

**DAVID J. GOULD WAS SWORN IN AS ROAD
COMMISSIONER FOR ONE YEAR.**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (two members, for three years)
LEIDINGER, ANNE C. 106
MCKENNA, ANGELA S. 142
MERRILL, PHILIP L. 161

**ANGELA S. MCKENNA AND PHILIP L. MERRILL WERE
SWORN IN AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR
THREE YEARS.**

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER (one associate, for three years)

There were several mixed votes, no one was declared the winner. An associate member will be appointed for one year. We will vote on this again next year, but it will be for the remaining two years.

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PLANNING BOARD (two members, for three years)

BUELL, CHARLES F.	181
GUSHEE, JENNESS R. SR.	208

CHARLES F. BUELL AND JENNESS R. GUSHEE SR. WERE SWORN IN AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS.

FIVE TOWN C.S.D. BOARD MEMBER (for three years)

GORTON, JAN M	203
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JAN M. GORTON WAS SWORN IN AS FIVE TOWN C.S.D. BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS.

RECORD OF OPEN TOWN MEETING HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004 AT THE APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CLERK DEPUTY MODERATOR, WALTER WHITCOMB WAS SWORN IN TO PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING.

ARTICLE 3. On a motion the Town voted to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. (Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received in FY 04/05).

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$89,256.75
b. Local Road Assistance	50,000.00
c. State Aid of Education	Unknown
d. Public Library State Aid per Capita	Unknown
e. Civil Emergency Funds	Unknown
f. Snowmobile Registration Money	600.00
g. Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,000.00
h. General Assistance Reimbursement	Unknown
i. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00
j. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	Unknown
k. State Aid for Public Libraries	Unknown
l. All other Funds	Unknown

ARTICLE 4. On a motion the Town voted to carry forward from FY 03/04 into FY 04/05 all balances in the following accounts:

Tax Maps
Planning Board
Fire Dept. Donation Account
State Road Improvement Funds
Land Conservation Fund
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

ARTICLE 5. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligations for FY 04/05 in the following accounts:

General Assistance
Unemployment
Maintain Old Landfill

At this time, on a motion, the Town voted to take the Appleton Village School articles (40 thru 60) out of order.

ARTICLE 6. On a motion the Town voted to have anticipated revenues from, the following sources placed into surplus:

	Est. FY 04/05
Excise Tax	\$140,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

*Building permits, clerk fees, concealed weapon permits and other fees.

ARTICLE 7. On an motion the Town voted to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

ARTICLE 8. On a motion the Town voted to pay the Selectmen the following for FY 04/05. (Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.)

Chairman and First Selectman	\$3500.00
Second Selectman	\$3000.00
Third Selectman	\$3000.00

ARTICLE 9. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appropriate and set compensation for all other necessary Officials.

ARTICLE 10. On a motion the Town voted to pay State Wages or Bid Prices for its labor and equipment rental on its Roads and Bridges during FY 04/05.

ARTICLE 11. On a motion the Town voted to transfer \$ 10,000. 00 from the Municipal Building Reserve Fund into the General Fund for the purpose of Town Hall Renovations.

ARTICLE 12. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$123,900.00 for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 04/05.

FY04/05 Budget

Town Officials	\$59,000.00
Contracted Assessing Services	8,000.00
Computer Expense	3,600.00
Building & Utilities	6,000.00

Office Expense	4,500.00
Town Meeting & Voting	4,000.00
Professional Services	5,000.00
Tax Maps	Carry Forward
Insurance & Bonds	8,000.00
General Assistance	From Surplus
FICA	4,500.00
Medicare	1,200.00
Unemployment	From Surplus
Workers Compensation	1,600.00
Health Insurance	13,700.00
Planning Board	carry forward & 300.00

Comprehensive Plan Com.

carry forward & 4,500-00

Total **\$123,900.00**

ARTICLE 13. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$79,486.00 for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 04/05.

Fire Dept. Labor & Training \$7,500.00

Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation 17,000.00

Fire Dept. Building & Utilities 3,500.00

Fire Dept. Donation Account carry forward

Fire Truck Reserve 20,000.00

Union Ambulance 4,425.00

Animal Control 5,000.00

Street Lights 2,200.00

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

carry forward & 200.00

Communication Fee (911) 19,461.00

Health Officer 200.00

Total **\$79,486.00**

At this time Charles Woodman, Chairman, of the Appleton Planning Board presented Erick Johanson with a plaque for his many years of dedicated service on the board. The meeting was then adjourned for one half hour for lunch.

ARTICLE 14. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$223,500.00 for **HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES** for FY 04/05.

Road Commissioner	\$3,000.00
Roads & Bridges	50,000.00
Tar Patch	2,000.00
Road Improvement	30,000.00
Ditching	8,000.00
Cutting Brush	2,500.00
Mowing Roadside	2,000.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	125,000.00
Road Crew Radios	1,000.00
Total	\$223,500.00

ARTICLE 15. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$33,804.00 for **SANITATION** for FY 04/05.

T.C.S.W.M.O.	\$31,604.00
Maintain Old Landfill	From Surplus
Septage Disposal	2,200.00
Total	\$33,804.00

ARTICLE 16. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$12,250.00 for **COMMUNITY** for FY 04/05.

Mildred Stevens Williams Library	\$5,000.00
Old Cemeteries	3,700.00
Appleton Memorial Association	3,300.00
Town Forest	0.00
Town Park	250.00
Total	\$12,250.00

ARTICLE 17. On an amended motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,753.50 for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 04/05.

a. Kno-Wal-Lin	\$ 1,255.00
b. Coastal Community Action	5,000.00
c. Mid-Coast Mental Health	635.50
d. Senior Spectrum	756.00
e. Maine Public Broadcasting	300.00
f. Mid-Coast Children's Services	506.00

g. New Hope for Women	830.00
h. Coastal Transportation	650.00
i. Teen Center	250.00
j. American Red Cross	1,271.00
k. Come Spring Food Pantry	300.00
l. UCP	.00
m. COMBAT	.00
n. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Ctr (n. counted 15 for and 18 against)	.00
o. Knox County Housing Coalition	.00
Total	\$11,753.50

ARTICLE 18. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate .00 for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** for FY 04/05.

Town Hall Renovations	\$.00
Municipal Reserve	.00
Total	\$0.00

ARTICLE 19. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate all funds received from the State Local Road Assistance Program this fiscal year (estimated to be \$50,000.00) for the purpose of upgrading Town Roads (paving or upgrading gravel roads, or some of both).

ARTICLE 20. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate the Snowmobile Registration Refund received from the State Treasurer and transfer it to the Appleton Trail Makers (Snowmobile Club), for the purpose of building and maintaining snowmobile trails.

ARTICLE 21. On a motion the Town voted to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid in full prior to or within one month after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, except Excise Taxes, and to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary sum from surplus for this purpose.

ARTICLE 22. On a motion the Town voted that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and that interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November.

- ARTICLE 23.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan, or loans, in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation, or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 24.** On a motion the Town voted to allow the Selectmen to take from Surplus the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 25.** On a motion the Town voted to lease to the "Kindness Club" of Appleton the upstairs room known as the "Freshman-Sophomore room" in the Town Hall for the sum of one dollar per year, for one year.
- ARTICLE 26.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to close a section of the Appleton Ridge Road to winter maintenance from Suzette Gilbert's to Curtis Starrett's.
- ARTICLE 27.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Land Conservation Fund into a Revaluation Fund for the purpose of setting these funds aside for a town -wide revaluation.
- ARTICLE 28.** On a motion the Town voted to change the position of Road Commissioner from a one year term to a three year term.
- ARTICLE 29.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Towns of Hope and Union for the purpose of providing animal control services on a joint basis for all three towns.
- ARTICLE 30.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to convey the "Parking Lot Property" (Map 27, Lot 10) located on Sennebec Road in Appleton, and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 878, Page

251 & 252, (lot#4), to the Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library of Appleton and execute a deed, for the purpose of constructing a new library on said property. In the event that construction of a new library is not begun on said property within four years, the property shall revert back to the Town of Appleton.

- ARTICLE 31.** This article was passed over as it was no longer needed. "Release of Conditions" to Lauren Clark, his heirs and assigns forever.
- ARTICLE 32.** On a motion the Town voted to accept any grant money or equipment for Emergency Management Agency, and to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purpose of the grant only.
- ARTICLE 33.** On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to establish a Capital Improvement Plan Committee to prepare a five year Capital Improvement Plan identifying capital expenditures needed to be made by the Town and including proposed methods for paying for these identified improvements. Such a Plan, to be completed by April 1, 2005, which would identify necessary safety upgrades and maintenance of Town -owned buildings and property and would make provisions for Town ordinances designed to manage growth. Such a Plan, to be presented to the Town at the next annual town meeting.
- ARTICLE 34.** On an amended motion the Town voted to establish an employee funded retirement plan by providing Town contributions to the plan not to exceed two percent (2%) of the employees wages per year, beginning July 1, 2004 and to appropriate said funds from the Town Officials account. This fund will be for the two full time Town Office employees only.
- ARTICLE 35.** On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of the former Michael Hayes property (Map 5. Lot 7) located at 1941 Burkettville

Road, which was acquired for non-payment of taxes, by public auction, to the highest responsible bidder, and execute a municipal quit claim deed for such property. Said property described by matured tax lien recorded at the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 2599 Page 242. The voters requested that the Selectmen set an appropriate minimum bid before disposing of the above mentioned property.

ARTICLE 36. On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of the former Robert Barrows property (Map 5 Lot 33) located on Collinstown Road, which was acquired for non-payment of taxes, by public auction, to the highest responsible bidder, and execute a municipal quit claim deed for such property. Said property described by matured tax lien recorded at the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 2599 Page 219. The voters requested that the Selectmen set an appropriate minimum bid before disposing of the above mentioned property.

ARTICLE 37. On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of the former Etta Hatch Heirs Property, (Map 5 Lot 47) located on Collinstown Road, which was acquired for non-payment of taxes, by public auction, to the highest responsible bidder, and execute a municipal quit claim deed for such property. Said property described by matured tax-lien recorded at the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 2235 Page 325. The voters requested that the Selectmen set an appropriate minimum bid before disposing of the above mentioned property.

ARTICLE 38. On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a contract with Eastern Maine Development Corporation, through a memorandum with the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission, for the purpose of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The amount to do this must not exceed the funds carried forward from FY 2003/2004 and the \$4500.00 appropriated for FY 2004/2005.

ARTICLE 39. On a motion the Town voted to amend the
Appleton Mining Ordinance as described below, as
recommended by the Appleton Planning Board:

ARTICLE III - EXEMPTIONS

Par. 1. This ordinance shall not apply to the following:

- A. Mining extraction activities that affect less than 1 acre of surface area of the entire property, that is active or unreclaimed, and the removal or handling of less than 1000 cubic yards of material in 12 consecutive months.

**APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL
ARTICLES FOR THE APPLETON SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT
2004-2005**

ARTICLE 40. HEALTH SERVICES

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$1,324.00 from revenues for Health Services

ARTICLE 41. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$6,221.00 from revenues for the School Committee

ARTICLE 42. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$53,860.00 from revenues for the Superintendent's Office

ARTICLE 43. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$96,445.00 from revenues for the Principal's Office

ARTICLE 44. BUILDING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$100,949.00 from revenues for the Operations and Maintenance

ARTICLE 45. TRANSPORTATION

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$74,400.00 from revenues for Transportation

ARTICLE 46. ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$619,628.00 from revenues for Elementary Instruction

ARTICLE 47. SUPPORT STAFF-GUIDANCE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$27,924.00 from the revenues for Support Staff-Guidance

ARTICLE 48. SUPPORT STAFF-LIBRARY

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$8,874.00 from the revenues for Support Staff-Library

ARTICLE 49. SUPPORT STAFF-TECHNOLOGY

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$40,803.00 from the revenues for Support Staff-Technology

ARTICLE 50. SPECIAL EDUCATION

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$244,524.00 from the revenues for Special Education

ARTICLE 51. SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$26,853.00 from the revenues for the Office of Special Education

ARTICLE 52. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$15,664.00 from the revenues for the Extra Curricular Activities

ARTICLE 53. SCHOOL LUNCH

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$500.00 from the revenues for the School Lunch Program

ARTICLE 54. CAPITAL RESERVE

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the revenues for the Capital Reserve

ARTICLE 55. BUILDING FUND

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the revenues for the Building Fund

ARTICLE 56. FOUNDATION ALLOCATION

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$577,438.00, the States share, from the foundation allocation for school purposes and the Municipality will raise \$360,857.00 as the local share of the Foundation Allocation

ARTICLE 57. ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$358,674.00 from the revenues in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, 15614

ARTICLE 58. CARRYOVER FUNDS

On a motion the Municipality voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the ending balance of school general operating funds for school services

ARTICLE 59. SUMMARY ARTICLE

On a motion the Municipality voted to authorize the School Department to expend \$1,357,969.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30 2005 from the foundation allocation, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy, federal funds including Medicaid, and other receipts for the support of schools

ARTICLE 60. FUND TRANSFER

On a motion the Municipality voted to authorize the School Committee to transfer from the sums appropriated in one program category to another without prior approval of a special budget meeting in the cumulative amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of the total budget?

On a motion the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Attest:

PAMELA J TIBERT